

exceptional times when Plague and other Epidemics break out.

Reply of Government.—Special prayers are being offered in some of the more important temples under the orders of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent. However, the members making this representation would do well to set an example to the people in their neighbourhood by themselves offering earnest prayers for averting the calamity.

Subject No. 35.
Supervision over
Muzrai institutions.

Summary of discussion.—As Amildars have much Revenue and Criminal work to attend to, the supervision over Muzrai institutions may be entrusted to Sub-Registrars.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 36.
(a). Amildars to
supervise the expend-
iture of ready money
grants to institutions
not under Muzrai ma-
nagement.

Summary of discussion.—(a) It is requested that until the question raised by Subject No. 102 of 1896 relating to Temples, (District Committees for management of Jahagirs and Inams to chattrams and temples) is finally settled by the Muzrai Department, Amildars may be ordered to check the accounts of all temples receiving ready money grants which are not under Government management, and to see that such grants are properly utilized.

Reply of Government.—All institutions which are endowed with cash allowances or land inams are being supervised by the Amildars.

(b). Appointment
of Taluk Committees
therefor.

Summary of discussion.—(b) Taluk Committees for the management of institutions not under the supervision of the Muzrai Department may be appointed. A list was given in 1897 of such small temples in the Sorab Taluk, but nothing has yet been done.

Reply of Government.—The disposal of the list referred to will be expedited.

Subject No. 37.
Disposal of vacant
offices in Muzrai
temples and chat-
trams.

Summary of discussion.—Vacancies in the offices attached to Muzrai temples and chattrams should be filled up by the appointment of the heirs of previous holders if they are qualified for the same, and, in the event of strangers being appointed, their qualifications should, before such appointment, be tested by the District Muzrai Officer or the Palace Controller with the aid of dharmadarsees.

Reply of Government.—The Muzrai Superintendent reports that this is just what is being done at present. The present representation will however be referred to him for such action as may be called for.

Subject No. 38.
Muzrai offices ten-
able for life to be
made pensionable or
confined to the hak-

Summary of discussion.—All offices in the chattrams and temples under the Muzrai Department were for a long time hereditary, which proved an inducement for the holders to serve even for small emoluments. Under the present arrangement some of the officers are treated as hereditary, while others are made tenable for life. It is requested that

the non-hereditary offices may either be made pensionable or the appointments continued to the members of the incumbent's family.

Reply of Government.—Fitness to discharge the duties of the office that may fall vacant has to be carefully considered in each case before making the appointment. The grant of pension is out of the question.

Subject No. 39.
Arrangements for delivery of religious sermons.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made in all Devasthanams for religious sermons being delivered once every day, week or fortnight.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

JUDICIAL (INCLUDING CIVIL, CRIMINAL, POLICE AND REGISTRATION).

Subject No. 40.
(a) A separate officer for Civil, Criminal & Registration work in each Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) A separate officer may be appointed for each Taluk for dealing with Civil and Criminal Cases in addition to Registration work, or Sub-Registrars may be empowered to deal with such cases, or Civil Courts may be ordered to be held once in three months in Taluk kasbas, to obviate the inconvenience and save the expenses to which parties are put at present by long adjournments in civil cases. Such adjournments may also be prevented by stringent rules and regulations.

Reply of Government.—The appointment of a separate officer as proposed is neither necessary nor possible. The representation as regards adjournments will be referred to the Chief Court.

(b) Frequent adjournments of Civil Suits.

Summary of discussion.—(b) The frequent adjournments of suits in Civil Courts cause loss and inconvenience to parties. There should therefore be a limit to the number of hearings.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 40, (a) above.

Subject No. 41.
Fraudulent transfers of property.

Summary of discussion.—Fraudulent transfers of or and the same property by sale, mortgage, &c., to several persons must be prohibited and the persons so transferring should be prosecuted.

Reply of Government.—The Government can do nothing in this matter. Redress must be sought in the proper Courts.

Subject No. 42.
(a) Licenses under the Arms Regulation.

Summary of discussion.—(a) Final orders are prayed for on the subject of exempting sahucars and landholders and Members of the District Fund and Municipal Boards and of the Representative Assembly from the operation of the Arms Regulation.

Reply of Government.—Members of the Representative Assembly will be exempted so long as they hold office as such. The case of the others will be reserved for consideration.